

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED

In re Application of:

SEP 3 0 2002

Jorg-Thorsten MOHR et al.

Group Art Unit: 1625

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Serial No.:

09/640,748

Examiner: Ba K. Trinh

Filed: August 18, 2000

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OF DROSPIRENONE (6B, 7B, 15B, 16B-

DIMETHYLENE-3-OXO-17a-PREGN-4-EN-21, 17-CARBOLACTONE, DRSP) AS WELL AS 7α-(3-HYDROXY-1-PROPYL)-68, 78; 158, 168-

DIMETHYLENE-5B-ANDROSTANE-3B,5,17B-TRIOL (ZK 92836) AND 6B, 7B; 15B, 16B-DIMETHYLENE-5B-HYDROXY-3-OXO-17α-ANDROSTANE-21,17-CARBOLACTONE (90965) AS INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS OF THE

PROCESS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel without prejudice claims 4, 6, 8 and 11.

Please amend claims 5, 9, 10 and 12 as follows;

(Twice Amended) A composition comprising 68,78; 158,168-dimethylene-3oxo-17a-pregn-4-ene-21,17-carbolactone, a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, and less than 0.2% by weight of said compound of the contaminants